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Sir:

This is a confirmation of the December 21, 2006 telephone interview with Examiner
Shang. The Examiner confirmed that the characterization of the Office Action of December 12,
2006 as a "Final" action was in error. The Examiner stated that there was an error in utilizing the


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wrong form paragraph (see page 8 of the Office Action) and that Applicants should disregard the Conclusion of the December 12, 2006 Office Action.

Accordingly, the Examiner agreed that the December 12, 2006 Office Action should be viewed as a proper Non-Final Office Action in view of the Applicants filing of a Request for Continued Examination on October 25, 2006.

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